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In re the application of: Carl H. June et al.

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For: METHODS FOR MODULATING EXPRESSION

OF AN HIV-1 FUSION COFACTOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2000 (Paper No. 14). The Examiner has required, under 35 U.S.C. §121, an election of one of the following distinct species:

Wherein the CD28 ligand is:

- A) an anti-CD28 antibody,
- B) B7-1 or
- C) B7-2.

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Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect species A (an anti-CD28 antibody) without traverse. Claims 1 and 55-86 read on the elected species.

It is the Applicants' understanding that under 35 U.S.C. §121, an election of a single species for prosecution on the merits is required, to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Currently claims 1, 55, 60, 65, 70, and 75 are generic. Upon the allowance of the generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141 et seq.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- Response to Restriction Requirement; and 1.
- A return postcard. 2.

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